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558th FTS closes chapter on Randolph

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Thursday marked the closing to another chapter of Randolph history and that of the 558th Flying Training Squadron.

The unit, which dates back to World War II, was formally inactivated during a special ceremony and its Airmen, aircraft and equipment transferred to the 559th Flying Training Squadron.

Lt. Col. Pete D'Amico, former 559th FTS commander, also officially passed command of the unit to Lt. Col. Michael Pipan, former 558th FTS commander.

The double transition of unit and commander had been in the planning stages for many months as part of the transition of training aircraft from the 50-year-old T-37 Tweet, which is still used by the 559th FTS, to the new T-6A Texan II. Bringing a new aircraft and training system on line is a major Air Force development, taking more than ten years for the T-6A to reach this point.

Retiring the older system is equally complex, with student pilots still being trained at other Air Education and Training Command bases in the Tweet and the last class of Tweet instructor pilots scheduled to graduate from the 559th FTS in March 2007. At that time, the 559th FTS will have a few classes of instructor pilots retraining from the Tweet to the T-6A alongside students without Tweet background.

All of this makes for a complex mix of training requirements and instructor qualifications. The 558th FTS brings its 52 T-6A instructors to join the 18 Tweet instructors currently in the 559th FTS. Guest instructors from AETC and the 12th Flying Training Wing, Advanced Instrument School staffs and Air Force Reserve instructors from the 100th Flying Training Squadron will all help augment the classes.

"The synergy of all these people working together is what makes this mission possible," said Colonel Pipan. "The way they constantly pull together in everything they do is a tribute to their sense of professionalism."

The 558th and 559th FTS share much of the same heritage. They were both organized during World War II as bombardment units flying medium bombers. Deactivated at the end of the war, they were recalled



Col. Christopher Weggeman, 12th Operations Group commander, and Lt. Col. Michael Pipan, 558th Flying Training Squadron commander, furl and case the flag of the 558th FTS with its combat and award streamers as the squadron was inactivated Thursday. See page 19 for story of the 558th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Later in the ceremony, Col. Pipan assumed command of the 559th FTS. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

to service during the Korean War as fighter escort units, flying the F-84. As part of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, they saw duty together in Vietnam, flying the F-4 Phantom. When that conflict drew to a close, the 559th FTS arrived on Randolph to begin its pilot instructor training missions while the 558th arrived 20 years later flying the T-43A in support of the Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training program.

After the T-6A first flew as the Pilatus/Beechcraft PC-

9 Mark II Joint Primary Aircraft Training System in 1992, the Air Force began a long program to develop the entire support system for the aircraft. The 558th FTS was chosen in January 2002 to develop and implement the "schoolhouse" for training Air Force and Navy T-6A pilot instructors.

From the beginning, the long-range plan was for the 558th FTS to merge its operations with the 559th FTS when the T-6A program matured and the T-37 program wound down, said Randolph officials.

Some base services, programs to change

By Capt. Heather Kekic
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Sunday not only marks the change of a new fiscal year but the change to some programs and services for Team Randolph as a result of a smaller budget for fiscal year 2007.

In the December 2005 Letter to Airmen, Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Wynne stated, "Gen. Moseley laid out a clear set of priorities: winning the war, recapitalizing our Air Force, and providing our Airmen with

the skills and training they need to maximize their effectiveness. Advancing these priorities will require each of us to become better resource managers in an increasingly tight fiscal environment."

In response to the tighter fiscal environment, the Air staff cut \$84 million from the Air Education and Training Command FY07 program with direction to reduce the level of contractor support, said Maj. Kerry Britt, 12th Comptroller Squadron commander.

"Although we're not certain what the actual Randolph budget will be, we do know that it won't be the same as in years past," he said. "Our senior leadership had some tough decisions to make, and after much deliberation we realize there are some services we simply will not be able to provide."

The T-6 West Coast Demonstration Team will be standing down after four years due to lack of funding. The demonstration team's final show takes place this weekend in California.

Lack of funding was also the result of

the fitness center's upcoming changes in services.

"The fitness center will no longer have contracts funded for aerobics and the workout towel service," said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division marketing director. "People will have to pay \$3 for each aerobics class they attend and everyone will have to provide their own workout towels."

Another immediate change will be to basic custodial services. The frequency

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander



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12th Flying Training Wing Mission Statement

19th AF commander bids farewell

*Rogers leaves for
new assignment at
Ramstein Air Base*

By Maj. Gen. Marc Rogers
19th Air Force commander

It has been my professional honor and personal privilege to serve as commander of 19th Air Force since October 2005.

During my base visits, I saw the outstanding quality of the people who conduct our training mission and the high caliber of the graduates we send off to be warfighters.

Our mission success is second to none and the great Airmen of our total force who conduct and support our daily operations are to thank for that.

During my many assignments before coming to the Air Education and Training Command, I saw first-hand how 19th Air Force training impacts our national defense. I want you to know that your work is appreciated and highly respected by the warfighting commanders.

I challenge you to continue striving for the highest levels of excellence. Your duty is vital to the nation, whether in operations, support or medical disciplines. I am confident you will continue to make our team the most feared and respected air and space power on earth.

Even though Deb and I will soon begin a new chapter in our lives in



Sarah Rogers drenches her father, Maj. Gen. Marc Rogers, 19th Air Force commander, after his final flight in a Randolph T-38C Sept. 22. The general relinquishes command of the 19th AF to Maj. Gen. Irving Halter Jr. during a ceremony Tuesday at 9 a.m. at base operations. (Photo by Don Lindsey)

Germany, we will always be proud to have served with the outstanding men and women of 19th Air Force.

Our best wishes to you personally and for continued 19th Air Force mission success.

12th OG: Forging aviators since 1935

By Col. Chris Weggeman
12th Operations Group commander

Randolph Air Force Base is steeped with airpower tradition and heraldry. As the new commander of the 12th Operations Group, I deliberated at great length for a mission statement which captures the very essence and purpose of our prestigious group.

After learning our current 21st century air-power missions, and perusing countless historical photos of Randolph; virtual black and white portraits of military aviation's rearing from infant to adolescent, beginning in the early Army Air Corps days, I needed no further deliberation. These aviation memoirs portrayed a common theme...growing air-power capacity. Mental clarity was born from these great images and our mission statement rang clear in my head; Airmen, forging combat power supremacy for tomorrow's Air Force... Airpower's Blacksmith.



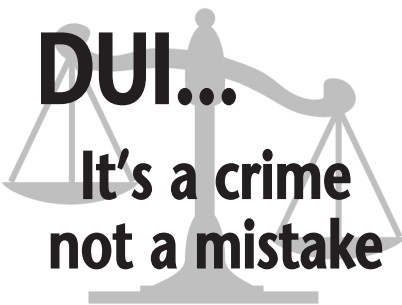
The 12th Operations Group forges Airmen, who create the enduring air-power capacity fueling our service's combat needs in dispatching those who challenge our freedoms or vital national interests. The rigors of sustained combat operations and its insatiable appetite for persistent aviation power, flawless daily execution, and boundless resolve, not only make our mission vital, but fundamental to our cause. The challenges and broad spectrum of modern-day conflict drives Air Force aviators, forged through knowledge and training, tempered through combat experience, to succeed at any

cost. Airpower's Blacksmith is forging Airmen, warrior-aviators whose character and pedigree are wrought with knowledge, precision and excellence.

Like years past, our airpower forge remains hard at work, having produced 346 instructor pilots and nearly 500 combat systems officers this year alone. Their craft, is our service's and nation's reward. Their character, as aviators' blacksmith, forges the sword whose tempered point is wielded daily, with unmatched speed and precision, across the globe, and rests unyieldingly upon our enemy's throat. Their capacity to generate air-power supremacy supports and protects thousands of soldiers, sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast guardsmen, whose mission success and survival rely on our smiths, and the steely-eyed aviators forged daily across America.

As their commander, I now have the

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AFSO 21 key to Air Force future

By Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force
Rodney McKinley

Every day we see smart, motivated and brave Airmen striving to make a difference. With more than 24,000 Airmen from our total force deployed and those at home station focused on supporting the warfighter, our operations tempo is high and will remain that way into the future.

Added to our operations load are genuine concerns from our Airmen about balancing the mission with the impending drawdown of 40,000 Airmen. The reality is that our budget must focus on recapitalizing and modernizing our aging equipment for the future while at the same time, we do whatever it takes to win today's War on Terror.

The demands of these realities make it more essential than ever for Airmen who are already contributing maximum effort to ensure their time and energy are being used wisely. From the smallest tasks to the most complex, we need to take a hard look at what we do and why we do it.

Air Force Smart Operations 21 gives us the tools we need to shed unneeded work and make sure every Airman's efforts are focused on work that



contributes directly to the mission. The proven principles of AFSO 21 allow us to evaluate every process we do against the value it brings to the mission of the organization. If there's no value added by a task, we can't afford to do it – it's as simple as that.

We are committed to creating a culture within our Air Force that gives each Airman the power to improve

processes they are involved with. From the newest Airman through our most senior officers, we all have a responsibility to elevate ideas that will make the quality of our work and those we supervise better and more relevant to today's fight. Our front line leaders are key to success; NCOs and junior officers who lead work groups must embrace AFSO 21 tools and use them

in order for our Air Force to become more productive with our time, tools and talents.

We are at the beginning of the AFSO 21 journey, but I am excited about the strides we are making. Already success stories are flowing from around our Air Force of even the youngest Airmen using AFSO 21 principles to make things better.

From the flightline to the dining halls, from offices to back shops and hangars, Airmen around our Air Force are discovering that using AFSO 21 tools to make small changes in their processes can make big impacts in productivity. They are using AFSO 21 to make their operation safer, more reliable and more productive.

I encourage each of you to seek out Web sites, news articles and senior leader viewpoints about AFSO 21 and explore what it can do for you. Find out how it can help you improve the way you do business. Take advantage of the AFSO 21 training opportunities that are coming your way, and turn those opportunities into action. Our Air Force is counting on your persistence, ingenuity and skill to ensure that everything we do brings value to our service, and to the nation we serve.

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honor of watching airpower's blacksmith forge Airmen. Their fierce commitment to excellence hones modern day aviators whose charter becomes smithing battle-ready aviators, forged from the very best instructors, and training methods the world has to offer.

Make no mistake, our blacksmiths shape aviators

ready to conquer the skies of a 21st century combat zone. Aircraft are their tools, instruction their anvil. Working together they shape the form, character, and flying acumen of our Airmen.

Like the tools of the blacksmith, our planes keep changing over time, morphing in design and function to fulfill America's airpower needs. But the instructional anvil is our institutional nucleus. Tempered through education, training and the cumulative wisdom conveyed through seven decades of sculpting military aviatiions' prodigy.

Their capacity as aviators, mentors and leaders

within the world's most powerful Air Force never ceases to amaze me, and the combined strength of their talents defies imagination.

These blacksmiths I so proudly speak of are Airmen who temper our service with aviators ready to fulfill their nation's behest.

We are Airpower's Blacksmith, and we've been forging aviators since 1935. We produce airpower supremacy. However, of all the brilliant and enduring gifts the warrior-Airmen of the 12th Operations Group forge daily for our Air Force, the greatest by far is victory!

NEWS

CFC underway

Local retiree, family helped through campaign donations

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

Now in full swing the Randolph Combined Federal Campaign is entering its fourth week and has already reached more than 70 percent of its goal.

With thousands of charitable organizations for military members and federal civilian employees to donate to, supporters are bound to meet someone who was helped through the campaign.

"On average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the campaign charities this year," said Capt. Beth Hart, 12th Flying Training Wing CFC project officer. "CFC allows you, the federal employee to support charities you care about. If you decide to be a donor, how much you give and the group or groups that receive your support are decisions entirely in your control."

A local retiree and his family were helped this past year by one of CFC's many non-profit organizations – the Friends of the Family Support Center.

After being released from active duty with a medical disability in July 2005, the soldier's reduced income, only 30 percent of what his base pay was, wasn't enough for his family to get by on.

"It took almost a year for him to recover sufficiently and become employable," said his wife Patricia DeHoyos. "During that time, the Friends of the Family Support Center helped with providing funds for our groceries."

Ms. DeHoyos said the support her family received

"We have seen first hand the wonderful help that the campaign provides for people in situations like the one we found ourselves in."

Patricia DeHoyos
wife of local retiree

through CFC donations would never be forgotten.

"I think the Combined Federal Campaign is a wonderful idea," she said. "My husband donated while on active duty and was the CFC officer for his unit one year. We have seen first hand the wonderful help that the campaign provides for people in situations like the one we found ourselves in."

The CFC has been around for years helping people and we've always believed in it," she said.

Master Sgt. Kavoooss Shamloo, 12th Mission Support Group CFC project officer, said Randolph men and women have really pulled together to support this year's campaign.

"The support we have received has been tremendous," he said. "It's great to see how generous and willing people can be to help others in need."

Those who are interested in contributing and have not done so at this time, should contact their unit CFC representative.



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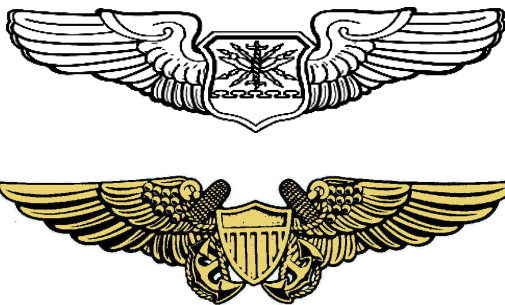
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Combat Systems Officers graduate today

Twenty three Air Force and three Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a combat systems officer graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

During the CSO course, which starts at the 562nd Flying Training Squadron, students learn fundamental, system and intermediate navigation.

Navy and Air Force students spend about 91 days in the fundamentals portion, learning basic navigation principles, tools and equipment. Some of the lessons covered include how to construct charts, navigate using basic instruments, radio navigation aids and dead reckoning. As they progress, students move on to system navigation, where they are taught how to

operate advanced navigation equipment such as radar and inertial navigation systems.

During the intermediate portion, students learn how to integrate all the systems in a high-level environment. Students are required to use all the skills they have acquired up to that point and perform a global mission that includes timing problems, air refueling, communicating with other recourses and replanning procedures.

Those students, who go on to accomplish advanced navigation training at the 562nd FTS, learn how to apply what they've been taught in a low-level combat environment. Students are instructed in low-level navigation, advanced timing, target drops, threat reaction and airborne radar approaches. Other students advance to Electronic Warfare Officer

Training at the 563 FTS, where they learn advanced combat employment and planning of electronic warfare and weapons in a state of the art simulator which emulates real-world tactical environments for reconnaissance, bomber and fighter training missions.

Overall, Air Force students spend about ten months in training, while Navy students spend about 12 months, including their training in Pensacola, Fla.

The graduation guest speaker is Col. George Gagnon, Air Education and Training Command International Training and Education deputy director.

Col. Chris Weggeman, 12th Operations Group commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony for student achievement.

NEWS BRIEFS

Randolph Retirees

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Pete D'Amico, 559th Flying Training Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Peter Creviston, Air Education and Training Command, on their retirement this week.

Tricare For Life beneficiary policy change

Beginning tomorrow, TRICARE For Life beneficiaries will be required to see Medicare-participating providers. In the past, when a TFL beneficiary received care from a physician who opted out of Medicare, TRICARE was the primary payer for the claim. However, under the new requirements, the beneficiary would now be responsible for the entire bill. For a list of Medicare-participating providers, visit www.medicare.gov/physician.

Blood drive

A blood drive takes place Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the base clinic.

Chiefs Group meeting

The Randolph Chiefs Group meets Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club. For details, call 565-0553.

Tuskegee Airmen chapter to meet

The San Antonio Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., holds its monthly meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the enlisted club. For more information, visit its Web site at www.sactai.com.

Uniform change in effect Sunday

Starting Sunday, military members participating in organized unit physical training sessions will be required to wear the official Air Force PT uniform.

Members must have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pairs of shorts. Uniforms are available at clothing sales.

Randolph High School students honored

Randolph High School seniors Adam Cribb and Andrew Touhill were recently named National Merit Scholarship Program commended students. Both seniors placed among the top five percent of more than one million students taking the preliminary scholastic aptitude test and national merit qualifying test.



Georgann Kucher

Unit: 12th Communications Squadron, Network Control Center
Duty Title: Network Management Chief
Hometown: Originally Philadelphia, now San Antonio
Hobbies: Local history – wherever I’m at! I love to read about the people who lived here before us, visit historic places, like the wonderful Spanish missions.
Goals: Simplify my life. Learn to live with less material things and a less hectic schedule, and appreciate what really counts.
Greatest Accomplishment: My Air Force career! I am a very proud retiree.
Personal Inspiration: My family, friends and co-workers. Everyday someone inspires me to work harder, think smarter and be a better person.
Personal Motto: Simple acts of kindness make big differences. A pat on the back, a compliment, a smile – all can change someone’s day.
Pet Peeve: E-mail as personal correspondence. I prefer a phone call, a handwritten letter, or better yet, a visit. They all take more personal commitment.

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice at lindsey.maurice@randolph.af.mil.



Georgann Kucher (right), 12th Communications Squadron chief of network management, reviews telephone line checklists with Tech. Sgt. Adrian Saenz. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

Commander’s Comments: “I’m not sure what impresses me more, Georgann’s work ethic and performance for her dedication to the people who work for her. She’s a true professional in every sense of the word. I look to her to handle some of our toughest network issues. She hasn’t disappointed me yet!”

Maj. Donald Brown
12th Communications Squadron Commander

AFPC helps civilians nearing retirement

The Air Force Personnel Center’s Benefits and Entitlement Service Team encourages civilians who want to retire in the next few years to plan ahead and seek counseling early.

Potential retirees should contact BEST at least one year before retirement to receive one-on-one counseling over the phone, and to request a counselor-prepared estimate.

Employee information is available to benefits counselors who can cover issues important to retirees.

“Planning ahead cannot be overstressed,” said Janet Thomas, AFPC human resources specialist. “Many individuals retire, only to discover their retirement pay is insufficient to live on. In addition, many are not prepared to meet financial commitments occurring between date of retirement and receipt of the first retirement check, which can sometimes take up to two or more months.”

Many employees also believe all the service in their service computation date for leave is creditable toward

retirement. But for many, this simply isn’t true, said Ms. Thomas.

“Employees who previously took a refund of their retirement contributions, or owe a deposit for temporary service or military service, may discover this service is not creditable for retirement,” Ms. Thomas said. “Individuals who are retired military might need to know whether it would be advantageous to combine their military and civilian service.”

In planning for retirement, there are many factors to consider, such as whether to provide a survivor benefit for the spouse in the event of the employee’s death after retirement, whether they are eligible to take health and life insurance into retirement, sick leave credit, Thrift Savings Plan withdrawal options, and direct deposit. In addition, it’s important not to change the mailing address or bank account for direct deposit during the few months before and after retirement.

Those ready to retire should submit their retirement

applications to BEST 90 to 120 days before the effective date of retirement. During the process, three letters are sent to update the potential retiree on the status of his or her application.

- The first letter acknowledges receipt of the retirement application.
- The second verifies they are eligible to retire.
- The third is notification the retirement application package has been sent to the servicing payroll office.

More details are available on the BEST Web page at ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/best/default.asp?prods3=272&prods2=264&prods1=44.

Click the “retirement” link on the far left side of the page and select from the available items.

Air Force-serviced civilian appropriated-fund employees serviced by BEST may reach BEST benefits counselors at 800-616-3775 (press 2, then 2 again and follow the prompts).

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



In June of 1943, the Secretary of War arrived in England to present the Medal of Honor to Maynard H. Smith, the first Air Force enlisted man to receive this highest of honors. Sergeant Smith could not be found to be presented the medal. When he was finally located, many were surprised to find where he was.

Where was he?

A) On KP
B) On a mission
C) In a POW camp
D) In jail

(see page 6 for the answer)

New strategic communications tool online

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – A recently released publication aims to help Airmen and commanders become better strategic communicators when talking about the Air Force to the public.

The Air Force Story, available now on Air Force Link, is a high-level summary of information about the Air Force, with topics ranging from heritage to missions, vision and people.

The publication is meant to help Airmen understand and talk about the Air Force.

“The Air Force Story provides talking points to get you started talking about the Air Force,” said Brig. Gen. Erwin F. Lessel III, Air Force director of Communication, “and help you explain to a variety of audiences who you are as an Airman and what America’s Air Force does for the nation.”

The talking points are bulleted and divided into many appropriate topics. General Lessel said it is important for Airmen to understand the messages in the publication.

“We are responsible for telling the Air Force Story credibly and accurately,” he said. “Our Air Force needs every Airman



to be a communicator and tell our story and this document is the right tool to get started. We want to communicate ‘one message with many voices.’”

To download the Air Force Story, go to www.af.mil/library/afstory.asp.



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Staff Sgt. Jose Hernandez, 12th Operations Group personnel programs manager, helps a customer with some of his required paperwork. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

Randolph Hispanic Heritage Month Events

- Hispanic Heritage gathering, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the BXtra. The event includes presentations on various Hispanic ethnicities (Mexican, Spaniard, Puerto Rican and Guatemalan), entertainment by a local DJ, dance contest, salsa contest and traditional Hispanic desserts.
- Catholic mass and food sampling, Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chapel 1 and the annex.
- Hispanic Heritage luncheon, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the enlisted club. The event features a dance performance and guest speaker Virgil Fernandez, a military veteran and author. The cost is \$13.
- Youth Hispanic Heritage art contest for Randolph Field Independent School District students in the first through 12th grade. Prizes awarded to top finishers.

To volunteer or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Bianca Farber at 652-3581, ext. 2.

Staff Sgt. Jose Hernandez
12th Operations Group

"It is important for everyone to honor their heritage, because in order to know where you are going, you have to know where you came from."

12th CS simplifies unclassified network

The Air Force and 12th Communications Squadron are taking a number of steps to standardize, protect, and more easily manage its unclassified enterprise network.

One major initiative, currently underway at Randolph, is the Air Force Standard Desktop Configuration, which is being implemented on most Windows-based workstations and should be finished by Oct. 31.

As part of SDC, all users will have Windows XP, the latest service pack, and a core set of office automation tools such as Office 2003, Internet Explorer, Acrobat Reader, ActiveCard Gold CAC reader, ICS Viewer and Norton Antivirus installed on their systems.

"For the first time ever, typical users will have the same set of tools," said Rich Ropac, 12th CS Information Systems Flight chief.

Mr. Ropac added that the SDC will also significantly improve the base's network security.

"As we standardize on a core set of applications and operating system, it will be much easier to apply and maintain security settings," he said. "The end result will be a consistent defense that helps prevent network intrusions and dramatically reduces internal threats."

In cases where rapid response measures are needed, the Air Force will be positioned to take action much quicker than it can today, he said.

Communications Squadron officials also noted that while the upcoming modifications are simple and straightforward, users will notice a few changes during the three-phase transition.

For example, after phase two is complete, homepages will



default to the Air Force Portal and a green banner will appear across the top of your monitor titled "unclassified," said Mr. Ropac.

The final step will be to restrict administrative access to computer support personnel only.

Users should contact their computer support administrator for assistance if they experience problems with a mission unique application.

Throughout the transition to SDC, the 12th CS will work closely with users to resolve any issues.

For more information, call 652-2015, option 3.
(Courtesy of 12th CS)

Programs

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of custodial services will decrease on average from once weekly to twice monthly to include vacuuming, emptying trash, sweeping, mopping and interior/exterior glass cleaning.


Maintenance on the base grounds will also decrease in frequency. Services including major tree trimming and pruning and minor tree maintenance is now "on-call" as funds become available, according to Richard Trevino, base civil engineer.

Another change Randolph will see is a decrease in the airfield's operating hours, according to Lt. Col. Dave Giachetti, 12th Operations Support Squadron commander. The airfield will close weekdays at 7 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. It will also be closed Saturdays and open only three hours on Sundays, he said.

In some cases, the amount of sorties has actually increased this fiscal year, the colonel said, but the flight hours are scheduled more efficiently.

"There may be some additional cuts coming but these are the ones that we are certain of at this point," said Major Britt. "Anything else is just rumor and speculation."

Additional changes will be covered in future Wingspread articles as the fiscal year ends and as more details become available throughout the year.



**HISTORY QUIZ
ANSWER**

A) **On KP** -- Not a model NCO, Sgt. Smith had trouble following orders. On May 1, 1943, the B-17, on which he was a ball turret gunner, took enemy fire and was set ablaze. Some crewmembers bailed out, but Smith stayed, threw exploding ammo overboard, manned guns and administered first aid to two crewmen. He then wrapped protective cloth around himself and extinguished the fire by hand. Six weeks later, he messed up again and was put on KP. He was discovered peeling potatoes, unaware the Secretary of War was waiting for him.



MOVIES



Randolph Movie Theater
652-3278
Adults - \$3.50
Children (12 yrs. and under)
\$1.75



“Accepted”
Friday – 7 p.m., Sunday – 6 p.m.
Justin Long, Blake Lively
Rated PG-13, 90 min.
After being turned down by various colleges, a high school senior and his friends decide to start their own university. But the plan quickly unravels as more students enroll, a nearby school offers competition and they struggle to fool their parents.

“How to Eat Fried Worms”
Saturday – 2 p.m.
Luke Benward, Adam Hicks
Rated PG, 96 min.
In an effort to stand up to a local bully and his fifth grade followers, a young boy agrees to an unusual challenge. He must eat 10 worms, cooked ten different ways, over the course of one day. The movie is based off of the Thomas Rockwell book.



“Beerfest”
Saturday – 6 p.m.
Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan
Rated R, 110 min.
While in Germany to spread their grandfather’s ashes at Oktoberfest, two American brothers discover a secret underground beer games competition. After being insulted by their German cousins and getting kicked out of the event, the brothers vow revenge.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrift shop
The thrift shop, located behind 19th Air Force in Building 662, closes Monday for volunteer training. It reopens Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Theatre auditions
The Harlequin Dinner Theatre at Fort Sam Houston holds open auditions Monday and Tuesday for a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn entitled “Season’s Greetings.” There are roles for five men and four women, ranging in age from 20 to 60 years old. Other volunteers are needed for assistant director, stage manager, light and sound technicians, props and stage crew.
Performances are Wednesday and Saturday evenings Nov. 15 through Dec. 15.
For more information, call 222-9694.

USO pool tournament
The United Service Organization San Antonio hosts a pool tournament Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. in the USO San Antonio downtown community center at 420 E. Commerce Street. All active duty and retired military and their families are invited. The cost is \$5.
To sign up, call 227-9373, ext. 12.

USO volunteers
The United Service Organization Downtown San Antonio and Airport locations are seeking volunteers. The downtown location is in need of greeters, servers, cooks and people to man the information desks. The airport location is in need of people to coordinate transportation to local bases and hotels as well as provide

refreshments and entertainment.
For more information, call 227-9373, extension 11 or e-mail isandoval@alamouso.org.

EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

Webster University
Webster University’s Fall 2 Term runs Oct. 14-Dec. 15. Students can register online in the Randolph office. WBU also offers a master’s in business administration at Camp Bullis. For more information on the MBA program, call 226-3373.
For more information, call 658-0707.

Customer survey
The education center added a survey to its Web site to help determine Randolph’s educational needs.
For more information, visit <https://www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/12sg/12mss/edcenter/default.htm>.

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS FLIGHT 652-5321

Virtual Airmen’s Attic
Customers can now view items available at the Airmen’s Attic from any government computer by going to <https://home.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/12sg/12mss/vaa/index.html>. Donated items are posted twice a week, with a description, contact information and photo (if available). Items are listed on the site for free.
To post items on the Web site, e-mail Master Sgt. Kavooos Shamloo at randolphfsc@randolph.af.mil.

Readiness training
The next personal and family readiness training sessions for military members getting ready to deploy is today from 10-11 a.m. Spouses are encouraged to attend.
Spouses can sign up through the Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Flight. Seating is limited.

Bundles for Baby
Expectant active duty military members and their spouses are invited to attend the next Bundles for Baby class Oct. 6 from 2-3 p.m. in Building 693. Presentations are given on budgeting, medical needs and the new parent support program.
To sign up, call 652-5321.

CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

Parish picnics
• A Protestant Parish picnic takes place Oct. 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Eberle Park.
• A Catholic Parish picnic takes place Oct. 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Eberle Park.
To sign up, call 652-6121.

Protestant men’s retreat
The Protestant Men of the Chapel hosts its annual retreat Oct. 20-22 at His Hill Retreat Center in Comfort, Texas.
To sign up, call 652-6121.

Protestant
Sunday – Traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., Contemporary service at 10 a.m. and Gospel service at 11:30 a.m. all in Chapel 1
Monday – Scrapbooking from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the chapel center;

Men’s Gospel Service choir from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in Chapel 1
Tuesday – Men’s and Women’s Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Gospel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1
Wednesday – Protestant Women Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Contemporary Praise Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Protestant Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:15 p.m. at 10 Main Circle
Thursday – Praise Team meeting at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1
Friday - Scrapbooking at 6 p.m. in the chapel center

Catholic
Saturday – Confession at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1
Sunday – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2
Sunday – Religious Education from 9:45-11 a.m. in Building 743
Monday-Friday – Rosary at 11:10 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1
Tuesday – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7-9 p.m. in the chapel center; Traditional Choir practice at 6 p.m. in Chapel 2; Cantor practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2
Friday - Eucharistic Adoration from 11:30 a.m. through Saturday at 5 p.m. in chapel 1

Ecumenical
Monday – Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center
Wednesday – Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center
Thursday – Ecumenical Bible study at noon in the chapel center

SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS

Family child care providers needed

The Randolph Family Child Care program is looking for military spouses interested in becoming on-base providers. The FCC program offers parents an alternative to center-based child care for children ages 2 weeks to 13 years.

FCC providers run their own business, set their own hours and fees and care for their own children while providing care for other children.

Aside from professional training, the program offers an extensive lending library with a full range of child development and safety items.

Individuals who wish to become a family child care provider can contact the FCC office at 652-3668.

Bargain Warehouse

The next Bargain Warehouse is Oct. 11 from 8-9 a.m. for senior airmen and below and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all other military ID cardholders.

Call 652-5268 for more information.

Art contest

The youth center, health and wellness center and 12th Medical Group have teamed up to host a youth "Building a Healthier Community" art contest.

Entry forms are available at all three locations and must be turned in by Tuesday. Prizes will be awarded.

Information, Tickets & Travel 652-5640

Discount tickets

Customers can purchase tickets for the following shows:

- Carol Burnett at the Majestic, Sunday at 7 p.m.
- Rat Pack at the Majestic, Tuesday through Oct. 8
- Kiss Fall Fest at the Verizon, Oct. 7 at 12:30 p.m.
- Blue Man Group at AT&T Center, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Texas Renaissance Festival

Customers can purchase tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival for any weekend in October and November. The cost is \$17 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 to 12.

YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

Let's Just Play Day

Children and families are invited to participate in the Let's Just Play Day Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the youth center. The event encourages children to have fun and stay active.

Fit Factor

The youth center is looking for volunteers to help promote its Fit Factor fitness initiative at the Let's Just Play Day celebration Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If interested, contact Chandra Jobb at 652-2088.

Two thumbs up



Base members dance on the deck at the 12th Services Division's customer appreciation week kick-off party Sept. 22 on the officers' club deck. The 1950s themed event included free food, live music, dancing, contests, games, swimming and a special showing of the movie "Grease." (Photo by Steve White)

ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

Randolph Karaoke Idol

Customers can compete in the Randolph Karaoke Idol contest Thursday at 7 p.m. The contest runs every Thursday through Dec. 13. Each weekly winner receives \$10 in club bucks and a spot in the Randolph Karaoke Star of the Year contest Dec. 20. The overall winner receives 10 hours of recording time at a studio valued at \$250.

Contestants are judged on performance, tone and pitch. It is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders.

Columbus Day scavenger hunt

Customers can participate in a Columbus Day scavenger hunt Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Nite Club and on the patio. Prizes include gift baskets and club bucks.

BOWLING CENTER 652-6271

Military Bowling Tournament

Bowlers can sign up to participate in the annual Military Bowling Tournament Oct. 7-8 at the bowling center. Adults who are authorized to

use the bowling center can participate. The cost is \$15.

Columbus Day special

Customers can bowl for \$1.50 per game, per person, with \$1.50 shoe rental Oct. 9 from 1-9 p.m. in celebration of Columbus Day.

OFFICERS' CLUB 652-4864

Family night

The next family night is Wednesday from 5:30-8 p.m. Children ages 12 and under eat free from their special menu and adults receive one free meal per entrée' ordered.

Membership appreciation party

There is a membership appreciation deck party Oct. 5. Members can enjoy burgers and hot dogs from 5-7 p.m. while listening to the Texas Tide Band from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 for members and \$5 for all others.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER 652-7422

Children's class

The next Wood Skills Center children's class is Oct. 15 from 10 a.m.

to noon. Children and their parents will assemble, sand, and paint a rubber band dragster. The cost is \$5.

Customers should sign up at least one week prior to the class.

ARTS and CRAFTS 652-2788

Youth class

The next children's Make It and Take It class is Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. During the class children make a ceramic pumpkin painting. The cost is \$18.

To sign up, call 652-5142.

Custom framing

Customers can place orders for framing with a choice of frames and matting at the framing shop.

CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

Pier hours

The Canyon Lake Randolph Recreation Area fishing pier is open 24 hours a day. Customers can rent fishing equipment and purchase live bait at the marina.



Randolph Air Force Base houses more than 30 mission partners, including Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and 19th Air Force to name a few. Each organization conducts a unique operation,

essential to the Air Force mission. These units, along with the 12th Flying Training Wing, are what make Randolph Air Force Base the "Showplace of the Air Force." This column is one of many focusing on one of these very special mission partners.

Printing to please: DAPS key to base communication

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Like most other military installations, Randolph is host to a Document Automation and Production Services facility.

With its five assigned people, DAPS produces more than 260,000 pages or impressions per month to support each unit on base, plus some off-base units with special printing requirements related to Defense Department taskings.

Maintaining two printing facilities here, the local office produces not only the usual base documents, but also the highly specialized, and closely controlled, booklets for all Air Force enlisted promotion tests.

Jerry Rodriguez, lead electronics systems technician, has been doing this kind of printing for more than 20 years. He proudly shows the high-speed, automated digital printers that not only print in full color, but also fold and staple the output in any of a variety of formats. Binding the collated documents still involves handwork, but the automated production systems simplify the tasks considerably, he said.

"It's not unusual for senior officers to drop in and 'coin' us for the way we can respond to short notice tasks," Mr. Rodriguez said. "We're used to working these kinds of jobs, but most of our work comes on an easier schedule."

"However, when we do have work that is beyond our scheduling capability, we can get help from the DAPS offices on Lackland or Fort Sam Houston," he added. "They are all part of the Defense Department's DAPS and we're all connected together by internet systems."

There has always been a requirement for publishing documents on Randolph from its earliest days. Flight training manuals and base bulletins were in place almost from the first day the base began operations, so DAPS has been in existence in one form or another for more than 55 years, said Gail Kinney, program analyst. But it wasn't until 1992 that the printing agencies of the Army, Navy and Air Force were combined under one management.

"The system is so automated today, that people with a government credit card and proper authorization can order a printing job through DAPS online, and never have to leave their office," said Ms. Kinney. "That includes documents on Word, Power Point, or other publication formats that we can process through our computers."



Jerry Rodriguez and Gail Kinney, Document Automation and Production Services technicians, check a printing job for quality. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

The Randolph office prints everything from class graduation programs, change of command programs, base commissary ads and child care services brochures just to name a few. The organization is also capable of printing classified materials if they are required for the mission, Mr. Rodriguez said.

Ms. Kinney also noted another unique aspect of the Randolph DAPS office, which is that the personnel records of all DAPS members, worldwide come through it and she is the key person for developing those records.

"It is a big responsibility, but one that I handle with pride," she said. "Working here is a very rewarding experience."

Officers' Christian Fellowship

PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE

The Army's 'Everyday Heros' are Saving Lives in Iraq

Captain Kristine M. Varga works in the ER as a nurse, caring for wounded soldiers and civilians. She also plays a pivotal role as a flight nurse, transporting patients to bigger hospitals when required to meet their immediate needs. While Kristine sees these roles as challenges and new experiences, she would never consider herself a hero. She is an Army Nurse Corps Officer, deployed to Mosul, Iraq.

Kristine's unit has had many close calls with mortars and could have sustained massive damage to the facility resulting in numerous casualties. But due to the mortar and rockets not detonating all the way or not detonating at all, they have managed to have minimal tragedy. Though adapting to their surroundings and getting used to the mortars was rough at first, Kristine has seen her unit come together as a family and learn to work together as a team.

"God is present with the 67th CSH and He is watching over our safety," Kristine said. She, along with many other members of the CSH, has become much closer to God and turned to Him for strength and courage.

Kristine feels privileged to be a nurse—one of the first persons to take care of patients that come through the hospital doors. She has held soldier's hands as they watched their buddies die, cried with patients when they



DOD Photo

THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL TEAMS serving in Iraq treat American soldiers as well as Iraqi citizens who are in need of medical care.

found out they were never going to walk again, and offered her shoulder for soldiers to cry on. Kristine and her fellow nurses and soldiers are able to make a difference in someone's life—to be someone's hero for a day.

Maybe one day there will be a memorial for all who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, but for now let's remember the sacrifices made by all those in uniform. May we, like Kristine, never forget the faces of the ones who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Kristine is an active member of Officers' Christian Fellowship which unites Christians in the military for biblical fellowship and outreach. OCF equips and encourages spouses of deployed military personnel through the Wives of Warriors (WOW) program. Check out www.ocfusa.org for more information.

Officers' Christian Fellowship participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a member of Christian Service Charities federation.



A Randolph T-6A Texan II flies in close formation with a legacy T-6 Texan at one of their combined airshows this year. (Courtesy photos)

TIME FLIES ———

West Coast T-6A Texan II Demo Team stands down

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph T-6A Texas II Demonstration Team closes out its four-year run as a premiere Air Education and Training Command entertainment group with its final show in Salinas, Calif., this weekend.

Due to the Air Education and Training Command's budget reduction for 2007, the team could no longer be funded.

Under its formal name, the West Coast T-6A Texas II Demonstration Team, the 13 members who comprise the group averaged about 20 shows a year since the T-6A went operational here in 2002. The team usually flies one aircraft at each event, but puts the plane through its full range of capabilities before crowds estimated to number more than 4 million people annually.

The team includes two pilots, three safety observers, two narrators and six crew chiefs, although participation on any one mission is rotated among the available people. The pilots and safety observers are instructor pilots from the former 558th Flying Training Squadron. Participation on the team is an additional duty, so when this show season comes to an end, they will continue with their regular duties as

instructors. The narrators are instructor navigators from the 562nd FTS and the crew chiefs are selected aircraft technicians from the 12th Maintenance Directorate.

"It's always interesting to interact with people around the country," said Maj. Jo Dible, one of the team narrators. "Many of the places we've gone are the smaller air shows where people seldom see demonstrations like ours, so our show is really a show of the flag too."

"I can speak for every member of the team when I say we're proud to have represented the Air Force before so many people," said team chief Maj. Jeff Stiff. "We believe our work has been instrumental in encouraging many young people to go ahead and make a commitment to the Air Force way of life."

Major Stiff said one of the most memorable parts of the team's schedule was the shows they did with the civilian pilots and crews flying the legacy T-6 Texan aircraft of World War II and the Korean War.

"It's an awesome feeling to be part of this heritage," he said. "For those of us in the cockpit and on the ground, this has been an exercise in honing both flying and maintenance skills and working closely as a team. We'll miss the excitement and the camaraderie, but now its on to the next part of our careers."

Team members

Maj. Jeff Stiff "Stiffy," team chief and pilot

Lt. Col. Carey McKinney "DB," pilot

Lt. Col. Dave Wright "Wino," safety observer

Lt. Col. Billy Songer "Rasta," safety observer

Maj. Scott St. Amand "Bulldog," safety observer

Maj. Jo Dible "Jo," narrator

Capt. Dan Barrows "Birdstriker," narrator

Mark Gutierrez "Vato Loco," crew chief

Jim Scott "Taxi," crew chief

Earl Hermon "Duke," crew chief

Frank Hernandez "Tank," crew chief

Michael Herring "Red," crew chief

Jerry Villareal "Payaso," crew chief

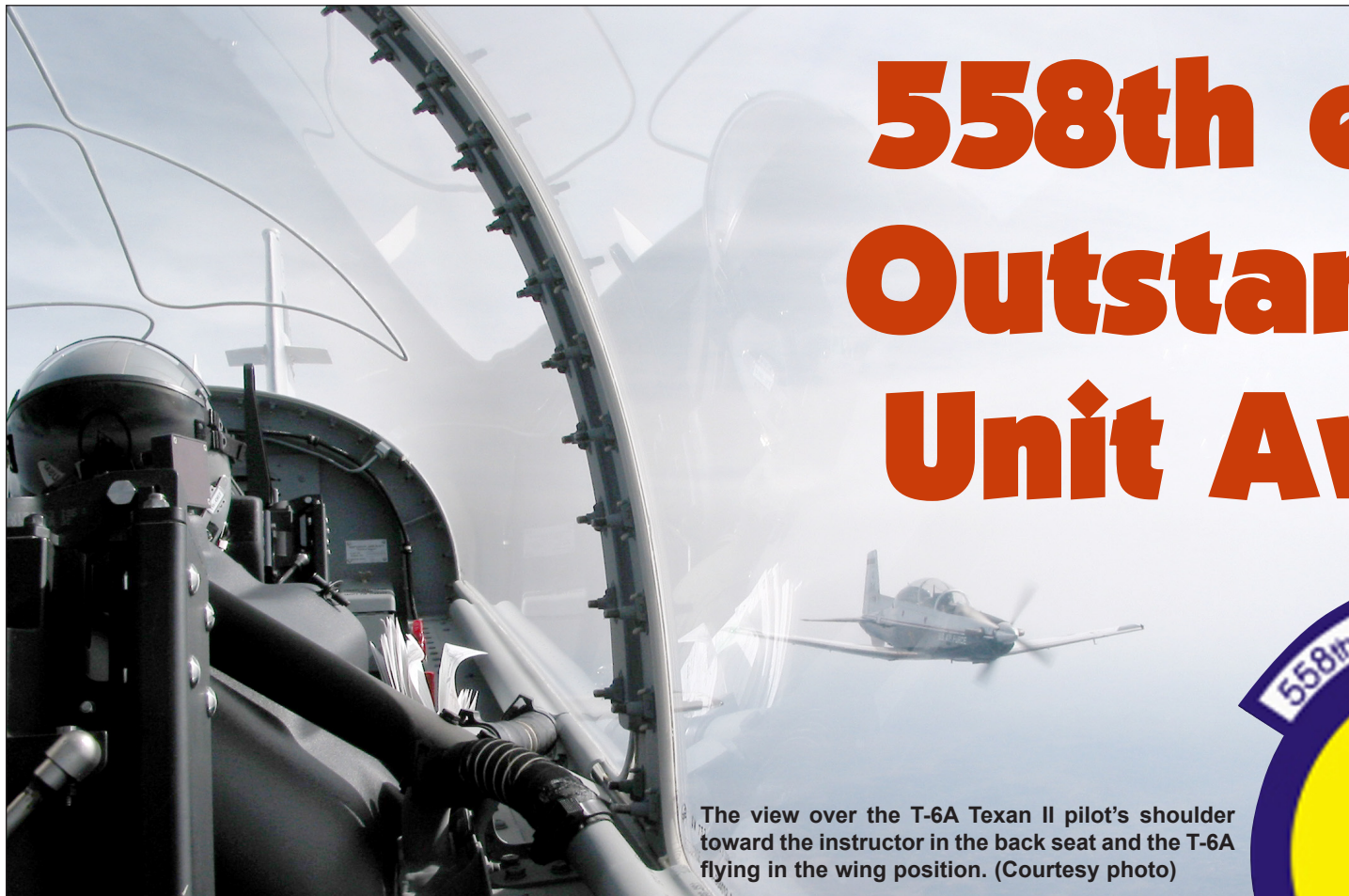


Crew Chief Frank Hernandez helps Maj. Jeff Stiff get ready for a demonstration flight.



Crew Chief Mike Herring gives a last minute shine to one of the T-6A demonstration aircraft.

558th earns Outstanding Unit Award



The view over the T-6A Texan II pilot's shoulder toward the instructor in the back seat and the T-6A flying in the wing position. (Courtesy photo)



Randolph's Phantom Knights honored before inactivation

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The 558th Flying Training Squadron was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its role in developing and implementing the "schoolhouse" for training Air Force and Navy T-6A pilot instructors from January 2002 to present. The award was presented Thursday during its inactivation ceremony.

Among other accomplishments, the unit received an "excellent" in the 2005 Air Education and Training Command Operational Readiness Inspection. The report cited the unit as a "catalyst behind command-wide change." But the statistics only hint at the skills and man-hours expended as the 43 aircraft assigned produced 17,446 flying hours annually. Two hundred twenty new T-6A instructor pilots fielded and another 170 T-37 IPs transitioned into the newer aircraft. An entirely new training syllabus was created, tested, revised, tested again and implemented; and standardized procedures were clarified and a new Air Force Manual 11-248 written.

The work done by the 558th FTS will affect every Air Force pilot receiving primary flight training for the next generation.

But the story doesn't stop there, as the squadron's people went on to develop an "over-the-top training" program to advance the primary training into tactics related to combat formation discipline.

The squadron also teamed up with the Air Force Recruiting Service to produce the AETC West Coast T-6A Demonstration Team, which performed at more than 40 air shows around the country before an estimated 7.5 million people.

"The ending of this chapter of the 558th's history is a bittersweet time," said Lt. Col. Michael Pipan, former 558th FTS commander. "The Air Force's T-6A program may have begun with the 558th, but the mission will go on for many years to come. As I told those members of the 558th, the squadron is not the patch we wear, but the missions we accomplish and the people we train that make this worth every effort we put forth."

But, the Colonel added, he and the other former 558th FTS members will always take pride in having been a "Phantom Knight."

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Lt. Col. Michael Pipan
558th FTS former commander

Maj. Beau Murphey (left) and Maj. Kevin McGaughey plan a training mission in the 558th FTS ready room. (Photo by Steve White)



A T-6A Texan II of the 558th Flying Training Squadron practices a formation flight training mission. (Courtesy photo)



Capt. Ricky Diaz, 558th Flying Training Squadron, completes his preflight checklist before a training mission in a T-6A Texan II. (Photo by Steve White)

Rambler 120 Team Challenge almost here

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

In just eight days more than 30 teams will battle it out on a 30-mile course – biking, running and rafting their way to the Rambler 120 Team Challenge finish line.

Split into two divisions: four-person extreme teams and five to eight-person relay teams from Randolph, Lackland, Fort Sam Houston and Tinker Air Force Base, almost 200 Airmen and civilians will compete in all.

"This is going to be a much larger competition than we ever imagined," said Sharon Rector, 12th Services Division community support flight program manager. "We had a great show of support from throughout the base both within the wing and from the various tenant units. It should make for a wicked awesome competition and a great time for everyone."

Teams from across the base including the 12th Flying Training Wing, 12th Operations, Medical and Mission Support Groups, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, Air Force



Members of the "Sweaty Housewives" (from left to right) Lisa Baker, Terri Hamlin, Amy Clark, Christina Stephens, Alison Ely, Sherri Broman and Andrea Romeo prepare for the Rambler 120 Team Challenge to take place Oct. 7 at Canyon Lake. Not pictured is team member Priscilla Przybyslawski. (Photo by Steve White)

Services Agency, 19th Air Force and Office of Special Investigations have registered to compete.

Other teams include members from various base organizations and their friends within the local community. There is even an all-women's team who call themselves "The Sweaty Housewives," headed by the 12th FTW commander's wife Amy Clark.

"I thought it'd be neat to have an all

women's team for the base's first Rambler 120 Team Challenge," said Ms. Clark. "We're all really excited about the adventure race and can't wait to compete."

During the race, teams must undergo a 22-mile bike ride, followed by a six-mile run, two-mile raft race and mystery challenge to be announced the day of the race.

"Competitors don't have to worry

about the physical challenges of the mystery challenge," said Ms. Rector. "I will tell everyone now that it is strictly a fun event and not physically challenging. We just want everyone to come out, give it their best and ultimately just have fun!"

The event begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Canyon Lake Randolph Recreation Area, with a picnic to follow. Awards will be presented at the picnic.

RANDOLPH FOOTBALL HISTORY

Randolph Ramblers walk over Marines



As military manpower requirements of the war in 1943 drained college campuses and professional sports clubs of their best players, military base-level sports picked up top quality athletes. One result was that the Randolph Field intramural sports program became a performance powerhouse that received national attention. This series of game reviews by 12th Flying Training Wing historian Lane Bourgeois tracks the Randolph Ramblers game by game through the 1943 season.

Game 3- Oct. 2, 1943

Ward Island Marines at Randolph (39-9)

The Ramblers scored in every period of its game against the Raiders on Oct. 2, 1943, securing its third straight victory. The

Ramblers generated 216 yards in total offense – all in the air, while the Ward Island Marine Raiders managed only 83 yards total. The Ramblers kept the Marines pinned on the ground, with the Ramblers pushing them back for a net loss of negative four rushing yards.

The Raiders' only touchdown came after they blocked a punt on the Rambler 23. Three pass plays later, the Marines landed the first touchdown scored against the Ramblers for the season.

Rambler's All American quarterback Glenn Dobbs was the star for the first half of the game, while sub back "Tex" Aulds carried the offensive load in the second half. The Marines managed a field goal at one point, but it was too little, too late, as the Ramblers rolled over the Marines for a 39-9 final.

Last summer fling

Live Oak shows appreciation for Randolph junior military members

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph junior enlisted members have a chance to participate in one last summer fling at the Seventh Annual Military Disc Golf Tournament Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Live Oak Park.

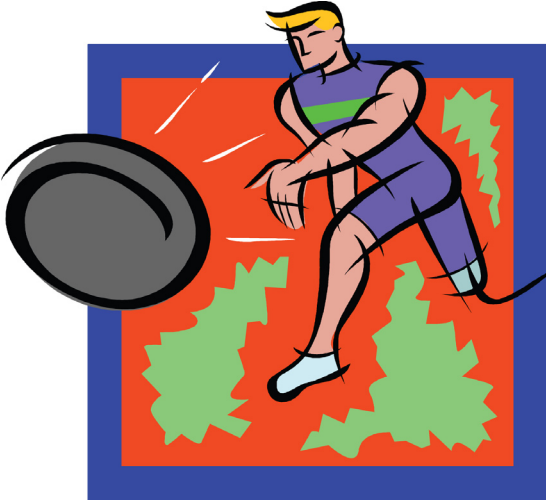
Randolph members, technical sergeant and below, are invited to participate in this event for free.

The event is held every year by the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce and the City of Live Oak.

"This is the seventh year that we have had the Military Disc Golf Tournament for E-6s' and below," said Debra Lally, Secretary for the City of Live Oak Public Works. "We hold this event to give military personnel the opportunity to leave the base and have some good old fashion fun in the park and learn a new sport."

Disc golf is similar to regular golf, where participants throw flying discs, instead of hitting golf balls, into baskets instead of holes, said Ms. Lally.

Participants will receive a free playing disc, T-shirt, hat, door prize ticket and other items in a goody bag. Lunch is free and will



be catered by Texas Roadhouse. Teams will be selected at the park. No experience is needed to participate. Coaches are assigned to each group to assist the players and to keep score.

To register for the tournament, e-mail your name, unit and telephone number to elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil at the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office or call 652-4407.

The deadline for registration is Oct. 6.



Intramural Bowling
Standings
as of Monday

Team	W	L
AFPOA	18	6
AFPC	16	8
AETC/FM	16	8
AETC/CSS	16	8
CS	14	10
AFMA	14	10
HERE FOR	14	10
AETC/A4/7	14	10
RATS	12	12
AFSAT	12	12
AFOMS	12	12
MED GP	12	12
SVS	12	12
MX	12	12
CPTS	10	14
MSG	10	14
SCRUBS	10	14
AFSVA	10	14
DFAS	10	14
SFS	8	16
AETC/LG2	8	16
STINKBUGS	6	18
JPPSO	6	18
BYE	16	8



Intramural Golf
Standings
as of Thursday

TEAM	POINTS
AETC DO	186.0
19 AF	176.5
558/559 FTS	174.0
AETC A6/CSS	167.5
12 LRD	157.0
562 FTS	155.5
12 MDG	132.5
12 MSS	114.0
AFRS	113.0
AETC SE	95.0

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